

Exchanging Good Practice for effective CBC

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- The 3 levels of cross border governance
- Mapping obstacles and solutions: tool box
- Future perspectives



MOT's network

**A network of 70 members,
from 10 different countries**



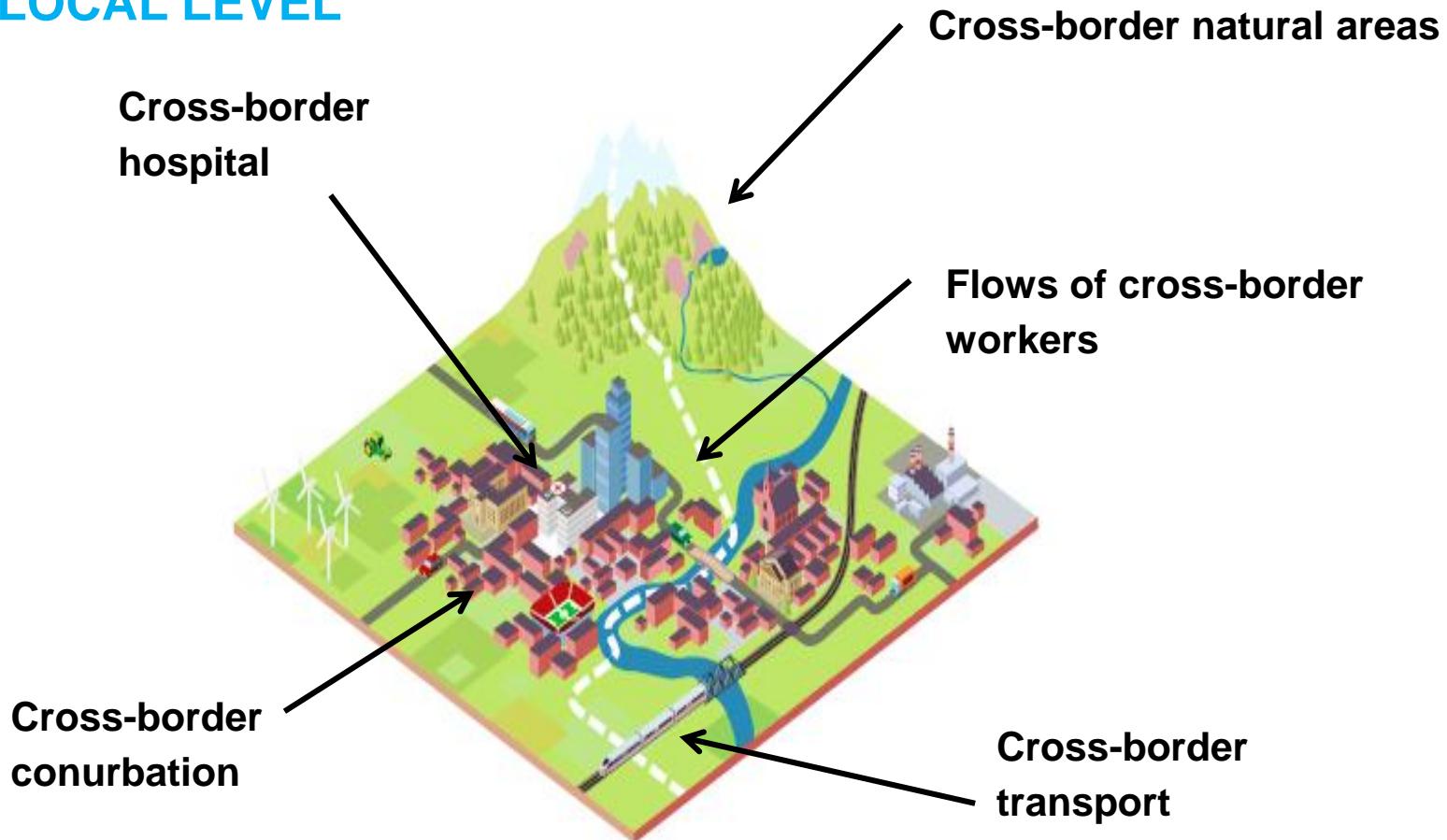
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 Région* Region Region	
Canton Canton Kanton	
Communauté autonome	
Autonomous community	
Autonomie Gemeinschaft	
 Département	 Commune Municipality Gemeinde und Kommune
Province Province Provinz	
 Groupement plurinational de collectivités territoriales	 Entreprise Company Unternehmen
Plurinational grouping of local authorities	
 Plurinationaler Verband von Gebietskörperschaften	 Réseau Network Netzwerk
 Groupement européen de coopération territoriale (GECT)	 Autre structure Other structure Weitere Struktur
European grouping of territorial cooperation (EGTC)	
Europäischer Verbund für territoriale Zusammenarbeit (EVTZ)	
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The 3 levels of cross-border governance

Cross-border cooperation: a multi level approach

LOCAL LEVEL



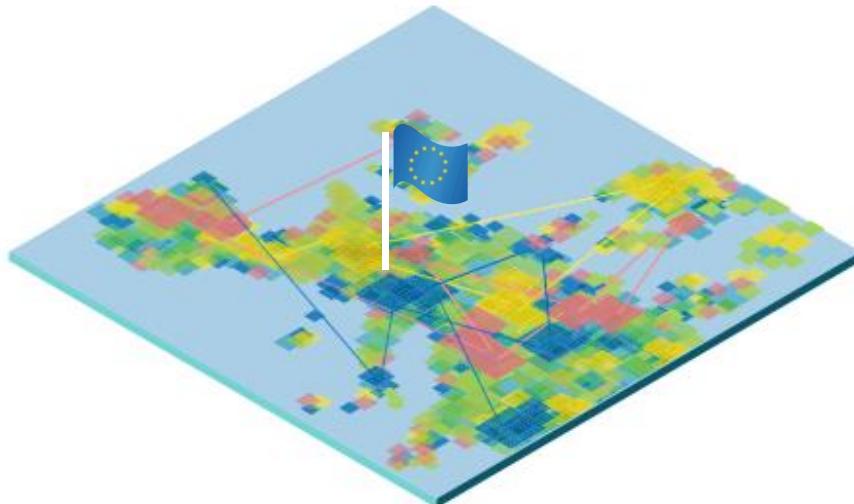
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NATIONAL LEVEL

- Peripheral areas
- Areas that are not taken into account by national policies
- A place of coexistence for two or more systems

Cross-border cooperation: a multi level approach



EUROPEAN LEVEL

- **Experimental sites of European construction**
- **Specific territories that aren't always taken into account by European policies**



Cross-border issues



LOCAL LEVEL

- Specific management by local or regional stakeholders
- Sectorial and integrated development projects



NATIONAL LEVEL

State issues:

- Supporting cooperation of local and regional stakeholders
- Coordinating across borders



EUROPEAN LEVEL

- Taking into account of cross-border realities
- Taking into account the territorial impact of sectorial policies
- Continue financial support (cohesion policy)
- Develop legal tools for cross-border projects and territories (EGTC, EGC, etc.)
- Reinforce European networking and applied research programmes



Mapping cross-border obstacles (ISIG for CoE)

- Border
- Type of geographic area
- Level of solution (local, regional, national, EU)
- Perimeter of action (unilateral; bi/multi lateral)
- Topic (employment, transport,...)

Nature of obstacles:

- technic/administrative: functional dimension
- legal/institutional: political dimension
- Economic
- Cultural
- lack of knowledge: information dimension
- lack of propensity to cooperate: inter-individual dimension

Mapping the cross border tool box: Example of the Hospital of Cerdanya

- Tools for funding: Interreg
- Tools for governance: EGTC, EGC...
- Legal obstacles: many solved, not all; transaction costs are too high -> need of new tools.





Remaining obstacles -> how to deal with them ?

Good practices

- Local level: inventory of obstacles on the border ; improve information; Euro-institutes...
- National level: inter-ministerial coordination; adapt legislation; support of organizations such as MOT, CESCI...
- Bi-trans national level: bilateral agreements; Benelux, Nordic Council...
- European level : EC Cross border review follow up (Communication 208/09/2017); Interact; CoE/ISIG (Eden)

Finding innovative solutions to CB obstacles: towards a European multi level platform ?

Different organizations in several parts of Europe (AEBR, MOT, CESCI, TEIN (network of Euro-institutes), ISIG,...) have a potential for coordination. They could be made inter-operable. This would allow to:

- Take action at each border in support of local/regional players
- Exchange experiences concerning the removal of obstacles on different borders
- Raise awareness of the remaining obstacles at higher levels of government; support the national level; facilitate concertation between neighbouring countries
- Support the European level: manage an European database of obstacles and solutions, fed by the network of organizations quoted above



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